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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE
System Design and Development Subcommittee
Standards Panel

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SD&DS

SUBJECT : Registration of Unclassified Intelligence
Data Standards

REFERENCES : a. National Bureau of Standards, Federal
Information Processing Standards 19
(FIPS 19), Guidelines for Registering
Data Codes, 1 February 1972
b. SD&DS-SP-M-16, 11 May 1972, Confidential

1. Reference a. set forth the responsibility of Federal departments and establishments to register program and agency codes (including those under development) with the National Bureau of Standards, as originally ordered by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-86, Subject: Standardization of Data Elements and Codes.

2. Under DCID 1/15 responsibility for the development of codes as program standards for the intelligence community rests with IHC. Consequently, the Standards Panel at its sixteenth meeting (reference b.) agreed that the IHC Support Staff shall register all applicable intelligence program standards with the National Bureau of Standards, after obtaining descriptions of the standards and other such support from the Assigned Responsible Agency (ARA), provided the standard itself is unclassified and the necessary backup and explanatory reference material is also unclassified (e.g., the Content Control Code).

3. The description of the first intelligence program standard to be reported to NBS under FIPS 19, the Content Control Code, is attached for your approval and forwarding.

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1. Type of Submission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Deletion <input type="checkbox"/> Revised form		2. Complete only for deletion or revised form submission Date previously submitted: _____ Registration No.: _____	
3. Status <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under development			
4. Kind of Data Code ("X" one) <input type="checkbox"/> Federal General Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Program Standard (Specify area) <u>Intelligence</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Agency <input type="checkbox"/> American National Standard <input type="checkbox"/> ISO Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Current practice <input type="checkbox"/> Subagency			
5. Title Content Control Code			
6. Description Attached			
7. Characteristics of Data Code a. Representation <input type="checkbox"/> Name <input type="checkbox"/> Abbreviation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Code <input type="checkbox"/> Numeric value b. Length <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed * 3-4 Number of characters * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Variable * () Minimum () Maximum c. Type of character(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Numeric <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alphabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Alphanumeric <input type="checkbox"/> Special d. Significance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant <input type="checkbox"/> Nonsignificant e. Check character(s) used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No f. Other characteristics *See description			
8. Availability (Include full title, number, and date of document) <u>Content Control Code, United States Intelligence Board, Committee on Documentation (replaced by Intelligence Information Handling Committee), January 1967</u>			
9. Development/Maintenance Office (Name, address, phone number) Intelligence Information Handling Committee/Support Staff, United States Intelligence Board Room 4E24, CIA Headquarters Washington, D. C. 20505 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		10. Submitting Office (Name, address, phone number) Intelligence Information Handling Committee/Support Staff United States Intelligence Board Room 4E24, CIA Headquarters Washington, D. C. 20505 	
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6. Description

The Content Control Code, first issued by the United States Intelligence Board in 1967, was designed primarily to give authors a concise, easily remembered code which would indicate the content of their messages, reports, and documents for disseminators and readers. The code has two schedules--geopolitical and subject. The geopolitical code is a three character alphabetic code, which consists of a one character prefix indicating the region of the world (or universe) and a two character code which indicates the country, water body, or celestial body. The last two characters are compatible with and in most cases identical to Federal Information Processing Standard #10 (Countries, Dependencies, and Areas of Special Sovereignty), but are not limited to countries. The subject schedule contains 62 four character alpha codes indicating the subject content of the document plus modifiers and identifiers which further specify the information contained therein. The use of one geographic (3) and one subject (4) code would fix the length at a total of seven characters. However, the number of codes used and the number of modifiers is variable, since it depends on the number of countries and subjects mentioned in the document. The geopolitical schedule is updated when necessary; the subject schedule is presently being modified and tested.